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5. At the 18th Session of the national executive committee of the Trade Union of Railroadmen held at RAW Berlia Oberschoeneweide on 6 and 7 January 1955, Erwin Kramer, Minister of Traffic, stated that only 27 RBAs, the boundaries of which will be better adapted to traffic conditions, will continue to exist in the GDR. Operations and traffic will be controlled by the remaining RBAs, a set-up which is to guarantee profitable employment of locomotives and rolling stock. The maintenance shops for locomotives (Bahnbetriebswerke fuer Lokomotiven) (EW) and for railroad care (EW) will be directly

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